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1. Solt is a little village on the Danube near Dunaföldvár. Toward the close of 1952 a new barracks was completed there, north of the Dunaföldvár-Solt highway, near the Dunaföldvár bridge. The barracks can take 1,100 men and consists of 10 buildings.
2. It is now occupied by an armored battalion of 420 to 430 men, probably belonging to the armored regiment at Kalocsa. The men are 20 to 23 years old and wear blue shoulder boards. The battalion is equipped with 20 T-34/85 tanks and six armored cars. Its auto park consists of five jeeps, five tank trucks of 3,500 liters capacity, one radio truck, two passenger cars, 23 Csepel trucks. From May to October 1953 the battalion was out on exercises.
3. At the same barracks there is an engineer battalion of 530 to 540 men, the men wearing dark green shoulder boards. It is equipped with both heavy and light bridging material, air compressors, pontoons, assault boats and cranes. In this region the Danube has several branches, which are used for bridging exercises. The training program includes minelaying, mine removal, and assault engineer tactics. The auto park includes six spraying trucks for anti-gas work, two shop cars, four jeeps, six half-tracks, five tractors, 26 to 28 truck chassis for carrying pontoons, 22-24 three five ton trucks.
4. The armored battalion, the engineer battalion and AA formations from Dunaföldvár often hold common exercises.

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